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CLUES POINT TO LIFE IN SPACE

On the 2nd and 3rd of December millions of people were surprised by TV, radio and press comments concerning clues, found in the meteorite which crashed in Victoria last year, which point to the existence of life in outer space.

For the benefit of the hundreds of members who have joined VUFORS in recent years, we reprint here related information from the January 1962 edition of the Australian Flying Saucer Review:-

LIFE IN SPACE CLUES FOUND (from AFSR 1962)

Three scientists- Dr. Warren G. Meinschein, Dr. Douglas J. Hennessy and Dr. Bartholomew Nagy after laboratory experiments with a tiny ball of wax in a meteorite proved that there is life in space. In 1961 they analysed fragments of meteorites which crashed near Orgueil, France in 1864 and in Central Africa in 1938 (the Ivuna) and found a waxy hydrocarbon. Separating the wax molecules from other elements, they bombarded the molecules with electrons to establish their nature.

The scientists could hardly believe the results of these tests. The waxy substance was organic, not inorganic. This meant that the wax was made through a biological process - a process involving life.

The fossilised remains from space were identified as single-cell animals, dinoflagellates or chrysomaonads, which live only in the sea or lake water. But one species was unlike any known terrestrial organism.

Dr. George Claus of New York University with other experts is also responsible for this amazing discovery.

"Wherever this meteorite originated something lived", stated Dr. Meinschein. (End of re-print).

Soon after this amazing discovery 'orthodox' astronomers and scientists, whose reputations were now at stake because of their 'nobody around but us' theory, rushed forward to squash and bury this fresh news with statements that the organic molecules, or hydrocarbons, were merely the result of contamination after impact with Earth.

The fragments of meteorite which fell last year at Murchison, Victoria, however, were found a few hours after the crash and were passed to Melbourne University's geology department from whence a fragment was despatched to a NASA research centre. Now, on December 2nd and 3rd 1970, has come news of the NASA scientists' findings:-

OUT OF OUR SKY, A CLUE TO LIFE IN SPACE

The Melbourne 'Age', of December 3rd, reports that "Scientists believe they have found one of the most important pointers yet to life in outer space - from a meteorite found in Victoria. (next page)

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Statement of Payments & Receipts at 30th June 1970.

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F.A. System rentals	\$ 24.90	
Magazine	440.00	
Exhibition expenses	116.08	
Receipt duty	15.60	
Cheque book & charges	5.21	
Sightings investigations	61.10	
Films & slides	36.63	
Typewriter charges	35.30	
Insurances	11.13	
Duplicator purchase	340.00	
Post box rental	3.00	
Books purchased for re-sale	145.03	
Taperecorder payments	23.00	
Library books purchased	44.52	
Stationery	529.98	
Postages	167.85	
Petty cash	135.88	
Hall rental	183.00	
Advertising	151.49	
Social club - sundry receipts	\$ 3.20	
Sale of Badges	66.12	
Sale of Magazines	157.29	
Library fees	107.70	
Membership fees	1117.02	
Hall donations	140.09	
Donations	33.00	
Book sales	165.66	
Refund receipt duty overpaid	14.04	
Bank interest	19.86	
Bank balance forward 1/7/69.	983.85	
Bank balance at 30/6/70.	338.13	
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"The meteorite was found to contain amino acids, the building blocks of life.

"It is the first positive identification of amino acids originating outside Earth.

"Dr. Cyril Ponnampерuma, the chief scientist (at NASA's Ames Research Centre, California), said it was probably the first conclusive proof of extra-terrestrial chemical evolution - the chemical processes that precede the beginning of life.

"The amino acids found were an almost equal mixture of both right and left-handed spiral molecule structures - but those found on Earth are all left-handed spirals.

"Dr. Ponnampерuma said that biologists agree that a mixture of both types certainly rules out earthly origin." AAP.

We can leave this recent confirmation to the red-faced 'orthodox fathers' who are constantly being proved to be wrong. Of greater interest to Ufologists are the more intriguing clues (to life in outer space) which frequent our atmosphere and pace our aircraft, ships, trains, cars and space probes - the objects which out-perform any earth-made vehicle and which are obviously under the control of more complex organisms than amino acids, organic molecules and hydrocarbons.

MOON. With the imminent departure of Apollo 14 for the Moon, the following items may be of interest to readers.

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Apollo 14 Will Probe Light Flashes.

Credit: SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo., USA.

Joe Gurney, a member of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, calls our attention to an article in the June 15, 1970 issue of "Aviation Week & Space Technology" which many of our readers will want to read from start to finish.

The report from the Spacecraft Center at Houston tells us the Apollo 14 astronauts next December hope to uncover more information about mysterious flashes of light which were reported by previous crews on lunar missions.

The flashes were first reported by astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin during their mission to the moon last July ('69). Similar reports of the light flashes were made by the crews of Apollos 12 & 13. The flashes, believed to be cosmic rays, were described variously as dots or streaks and white.

There is not the slightest hint that these flashes emanate from the moon. Dr. R.E. Benson, a radio-biologist in preventive medicine at the Center, says there is no proof the flashes are caused by cosmic radiation but most evidence points to that as the source. Tests will be made in an effort to learn the source of the lights and any health hazard they may present. At present, it is not believed they are harmful.

An interesting quote from the article: "No crew member reported seeing the lights in the vicinity of the moon. All sightings were reported during the out-bound journey to the moon and on the return trip home."

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And Now--Minimoons.

Credit: SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo., USA.

Dr. John P. Bagby, of Hughes Aircraft Co., says the earth may have at least 10 tiny natural satellites. For decades astronomers have speculated that the earth might pick up small bodies and constrain them to orbit around it. From time to time sightings have been made of objects that might be such satellites, and orbits have even been computed for them. Tracing the history of the ten small objects, Dr. Bagby found them all at the same spot on December 18, 1955, and he surmises they all originated in one object that broke up on that day. Source and Credit, "Science News", April 26, 1969. Sent in to Skylook by Mark Herbstritt. (Editor's Note: This item fascinates us. Read it again and think about it.)

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Millions Lost In Space - Satellite Goes Astray.

Credit: SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo., USA.

Honolulu--A \$13 million communications satellite was missing in space yesterday. The satellite was to have been triggered into orbit by the Communications Satellite (COMSAT) Corporation's Paumalu Station Friday.

The satellite was the third lost in the Intelstat III communications series by the 76-nation consortium, the Intelsat, for which COMSAT acts as manager.

"We don't know what happened", a spokesman said.

Source: "Worcester Sunday Telegram", July 26, 1970. Credit: Paul Braczy.

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'Life' on Moon Under Study.

Credit: SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo., USA.

Donald K. (Deke) Slayton, NASA director of flight crew operations for the Apollo program, says he is not so sure now that the moon is a "dead planet".

Slayton was main speaker at Friday night's annual awards dinner of United Press International Illinois newspaper editors.

Slayton said a camera brought back to earth by Apollo 11 astronauts was found to have a micro-organism living on it. That camera, he said, had been on the moon's surface three years.

The organism, described as "in the condition of being freeze dried", was not on the camera when it was rocketed to the moon, Slayton said. He told the editors he once believed the moon was a dead planet "but now I am not so sure". Slayton also told the editors moon soil seems to

stimulate the growth of some earth plants. (Arlington Heights, Ill., report in June 7, 1970 "Arkansas Gazette".)

Dr. W.W. Kemmerer, chief physician in the lunar laboratory at the space center where the discovery was made, said it was "notable" but not unexpected that the bacteria survived for so long on the moon... said the bacteria probably got on the television camera during repairs before its launch to the moon, perhaps from a technician. (A report from Houston in the "Arkansas Gazette", May 23, 1970.) From Lou Farish.

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The Moon--Still a Mystery. (by David J. Gras).

Credit: SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo., USA.

In December, 1962, at the convention of the American Rocket Society in Los Angeles, Dr. Carl Sagan, Adviser on Extra-terrestrial life to the Armed Services, told his audience that mankind must prepare to face the possibility that we have already been visited by intelligent beings from elsewhere in the universe--and that they may have, or have had, bases on the moon.

In spite of the fact that man has now set foot on the moon, we still know little about that silent, arid globe that revolves around the earth. Astronomers, past and present, have no positive answers to explain the strange lights that appear on its desolate surface or the objects that have moved from one point to another.

An interesting case which dates back to the 1800's was reported in the French scientific journal, "L'Astronomie"--A luminous triangle was reported on the floor of the crater Plato. On the night of the same observation, observers in the United States saw mysterious flakes of light moving from other craters towards the crater Plato. These lights, as noted before, formed into the triangle on the floor of Plato.

During a lunar eclipse, September 7, 1820, many observers in France saw strange objects moving in straight lines. All were separated by uniform spaces, their movements were in military precision.

On August 7, 1869 during a solar eclipse, a Professor Swift, of Mattoon, Illinois, reported seeing objects cross the moon 20 minutes before the total eclipse. In Europe, astronomers saw these objects, saying they seemed to march in straight, parallel lines.

In 1879, two years after man noted that Mars had two satellites, we noted that our own satellite was reported to have lights and geometric figures where none had been seen before. The British Astronomical Society was asked to report such phenomena as might appear on the surface of the moon and in a two-year period more than two thousand reports of lights or symbols were recorded.

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NEW ZEALAND. (The Daily Telegraph, May 8, 1970).

MYSTERY SKY OBJECT SEEN BY TEACHERS AND 400 CHILDREN.

A huge unidentified flying object which appeared as a "hole in the sky" as it hovered near Napier was watched for up to 20 minutes by the headmaster, teachers and more than 400 children at Richmond School, Maraenui yesterday afternoon.

Witnesses to the sighting said there was an "unearthly quiet" as the usually noisy children stopped their play and watched awed and fascinated by the saucer-shaped object.

The headmaster, Mr. W. Billing, said he was watching the children playing in the school grounds when he noticed the object move in from the south. "I thought it was an aircraft at first", he said, "then I realized it had stopped moving and it appeared as an extremely brilliant object in the clear sky".

GLISTENING OBJECT.

As he drew his teachers' attention to it, the children also spotted the object and stopped their play. "It was like a huge, wingless plane with the sun glistening on it. But what amazed us was that it was also glistening on the side away from the sun", he said. The object seemed to be hovering in an area between Westshore and Tongoio.

"We were watching it when a plane came into view and landed. There was no comparison between the object and the aircraft", he said.

LIKE ROUND BALL.

After hovering for three or four minutes, the object began to move away.

"It then moved at right-angles, and the next thing we knew it was like a round ball with the middle like a transparent-like sheen.

"It then flattened out again and continued to move away in a straight line to become like a bright star.

"All of a sudden it seemed to light up again, like an extremely brilliant planet, then fade again before it moved away at speed", said Mr. Billing. The object was last sighted about 2.23 p.m.

APPEARED "SOLID".

"It wasn't a weather balloon, which you wouldn't see change from a round to an oval shape", Mr. Billing said.

"It was also definitely a solid object, and you seemed to get the feeling it was metallic".

One of the teachers, Mr. A. Coveny, said he had read reports of people sighting unidentified objects but he had always been "rather sceptical"...UNTIL YESTERDAY.

"We thought half of Napier would have seen it", he said. "Here at the school, everyone was standing with their mouths open trying to work out a logical answer to it". A pupil had come to him for an answer.

"He asked me if it was a flying saucer, and I said 'yes' because I couldn't give any other answer", Mr. Coveny said.

The sighting had stopped the usual sounds of noisy play.

"The whole area seemed to be so unnaturally quiet that it was uncanny", he said. It was not only the movements of the "flying saucer" which were unearthly, but also the appearance of the craft when it changed its shape.

"There was an iridescence from it, and it looked as though it was an actual hole in the sky - just as if you were looking through it into another dimension", the teacher said. (The change in shape could be explained by the object turning over like a coin seen edge on and then face on. Eds.)

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NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

GENERAL MEETINGS. (now 2nd Friday of each month).

Meetings for 1971 will be held in our new venue - The Theatrette, Lower Ground Level, National Mutual Centre, 447 Collins Street.

Since we are unable to have the Theatrette for the first Friday evening of each month, we have had to alter our meeting night to the second Friday evening of each month, EXCLUDING January.

Our next (and last) meeting for this year will be Friday, 11th Dec., at 8.00 p.m.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

At the November General Meeting the annual election results were announced by the President, Mr. Peter E. Norris. The elected Office-bearers for the next year are:

President	Mr. Peter E. Norris
Vice-president	Mrs. Judith M. Magee
Secretary	Miss Delma Carstairs
Treasurer	Mr. Albert Wilkinson
Committee-men	(Mr. A.F. Franceswilliams (Mr. P.B. Norman (Mr. W.A. Stapleton

LIBRARY.

Several new titles have been added to the Library and several of the more popular ones have been duplicated in an effort to meet the demand for these.

Members are reminded that up-to-date library lists are available from the Secretary and the Librarian, upon request for same.

Books can be borrowed either by post or at General Meetings where members who may care to seek advice and/or information about the books they are thinking of reading are assured of the interested assistance of our extremely well-read Librarian, Mr. Les. Bristol.

OVERSEAS MAGAZINES FOR SALE.

The Society has purchased a quantity of the English magazines - 'SPACELINK' and 'COS-MOS'. These sold well at the last General Meeting. A few copies were held back in order that our country and interstate members might have the opportunity of purchasing them.

It will have to be a case of 'first come, first served' as we have only a few of each.

If we cannot supply your order this time, we will send the next edition when it arrives from the U.K.

SPACELINK 40¢ + 12¢ postage, per copy.

COS-MOS 40¢ including postage, per copy.

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UFO TAPES AVAILABLE.

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The Society has procured tapes of the entire proceedings of the Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects held by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Dec. 1969.

Speakers include Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Prof. James E. McDonald.

Six 5 inch tapes are available at \$3.50 per tape.

Orders may be placed with The Secretary, V.U.F.O.R.S., Box 43,
Moorabbin, Vic. 3189.

The Committee of V.U.F.O.R.S. takes this opportunity to wish members and readers a very Happy Christmas and

a Prosperous New Year.